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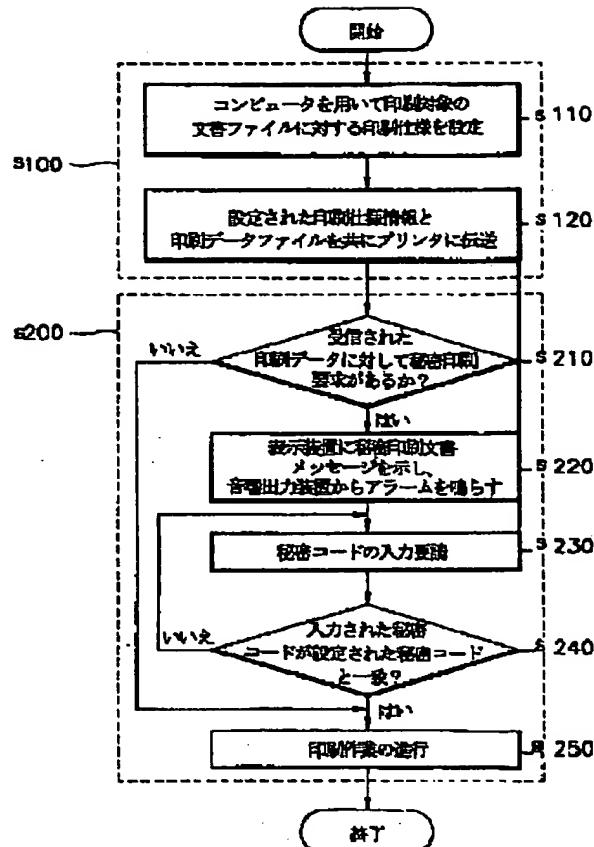
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TITLE : PRINTER AND, IMAGE-PRINTING SYSTEM WITH THE SAME APPLIED AND ITS METHOD FOR PRINTING CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT



**ABSTRACT :** PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prevent a printed matter which should be kept protected from leaking or being exposed to other people by constituting a printer to execute a printing operation only when an equal secret code to an initially set secret code is input to printing data selected as confidential printing.

**SOLUTION:** Printing specifications to a document file to be printed are set (S110) and transferred to a printer together with a printing data file (S120). A printer controller judges whether a confidential document print request is included or not (S210). Without the confidential document print request, printing the printing data file is carried out (S250). When the printing specifications are set to confidential printing, a message is displayed (S220) and an alarm is issued to demand inputting a secret code (S230). When the input secret code agrees with a secret code recorded in the printing specifications (S240), printing is executed (S250).

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